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Honorable Brendan T. Byrne Governor of New Jersey Trenton, NJ 08621

Dear Governor Byrne:

Inclosed is the Phase I Inspection Report for Weston Mills Pond Dam in Middlesex County, New Jersey which has been prepared under authorization of the Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367. A brief assessment of the dam's condition is given in the front of the report.

Based on visual inspection, available records, calculations and past operational performance, Weston Mills Pond Dam, initially listed as a high hazard potential structure, but reduced to a significant hazard potential structure as a result of this inspection, is judged to be in fair overall condition. However, the spillway is considered inadequate since seven percent of the Spillway Design Flood (SDF) would overtop the dam. (The SDF, in this instance, is one half of the Probable Maximum Flood.) To insure continued structural stability of the dam the following actions are recommended to be undertaken within six months of the date of approval of this report:

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e. Develop a checklist for periodic maintenance inspections so records of conditions and repairs are available.

A copy of the report is being furnished to Mr. Dirk C. Hofman, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the designated State Office contact for this program. Within five days of the date of this letter, a copy will also be sent to Congressman Edward Patton of the Fifteenth District. Under the provision of the Freedom of Information Act, the inspection report will be subject to release by this office, upon request, five days after the date of this letter.

Additional copies of this report may be obtained from the National Technical Information Services (NTIS), Springfield, Virginia 22161 at a reasonable cost. Please allow four to six weeks from the date of this letter for NTIS to have copies of the report available.

An important aspect of the Dam Safety Program will be the implementation of the recommendations made as a result of the inspection. We accordingly request that we be advised of proposed actions taken by the State to implement our recommendations.

Sincerely.

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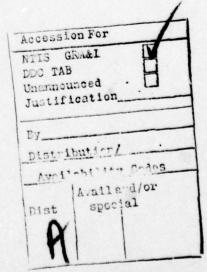
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WESTON MILLS POND DAM (NJ00164)

CORPS OF ENGINEERS ASSESSMENT OF GENERAL CONDITIONS

This dam was inspected on 1 December 1978 by Louis Berger and Associates, Inc. under contract to the State of New Jersey. The State, under agreement with the U. S. Army Engineer District, Philadelphia, had this inspection performed in accordance with the National Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367.

Weston Mills Pond Dam, initially listed as a high hazard potential structure, but reduced to a significant hazard potential structure as a result of this inspection, is judged to be in fair overall condition. However, the spillway is considered inadequate since seven percent of the Spillway Design Flood (SDF) would overtop the dam. (The SDF, in this instance, is one half of the Probable Maximum Flood.) To insure continued structural stability of the dam the following actions are recommended to be undertaken within six months of the date of approval of this report:

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APPROVED:

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PHASE I REPORT NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM

Name of Dam Westons Mills Pond Dam Fed ID# NJ 00164,
NJ ID# 25-3

State Located New Jersey
County Located Middlesex
Coordinates Lat. 4029.0 - Long. 7424.8
Stream Lawrence Brook
Date of Inspection 1 December 1978

ASSESSMENT OF GENERAL CONDITIONS

Westons Mills Pond Dam is in fair overall condition but the spillway is inadequate. It is recommended that its hazard classification be downgraded to significant as overtopping or collapse would cause only minimal damage to downstream property. Little engineering information is available and because the dam is 90 years old, it is recommended that the owner provide, in the near future, detailed foundation investigations and engineering studies to ascertain its continued stability. Remedial actions recommended to be undertaken in the near future are:

- Construction of slope protection around the abutments.
- · Removal of large debris in the channel.

The spillway capacity for the downgraded significant hazard structure is 6 percent of the design flood. No appreciable improvement can be made to the existing spillway capacity. A collapse of this dam could endanger the Westons Mills Arch Dam 600 feet upstream.

Keith Jolls P.E. Project Manager F. KEITH JOLLS 5 4 3 2



OVERVIEW OF WESTONS MILLS POND DAM

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PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the Spillway Test flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aide in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT
NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM
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NJ ID# 25-3

SECTION 1 - PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 GENERAL

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a. Authority

This report is authorized by the Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367, and has been prepared in accordance with Contract FPM-36 between Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. and the State of New Jersey and its Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Resources. The State, in turn, is under agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia to have this inspection performed.

b. Purpose of Inspection

The purpose of this inspection is to evaluate the structural and hydraulic condition of the Westons Mills Pond Dam and appurtenant structures, and to determine if the dam constitutes a hazard to human life or property.

1.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

a. Description of Dam and Appurtenances

Westons Mills Pond Dam is a straight-walled masonry gravity structure with two sluice gates at the east spillway abutment and a water supply intake chamber adjoining the west spillway abutment. The east abutment is an 18' wide, stepped, concrete pier with hand-cranked gate stems to the 30" sluice gates affixed to the upstream face. The west abutment is 8' wide and adjoins the water supply intake chamber of the City of New Brunswick. It contains a 30" diameter intake pipe which runs to the water plant located about 200' to the north. The

crest of the random ashlar masonry spillway is 154 feet long and 4'6" wide at the top. The six-inch thick cap has a one-foot wide chamfer along the upstream edge. The spillway crest is approximately 13.5 feet high with respect to the downstream riverbed and is reportedly founded on underlying bedrock. Two four-feet wide masonry buttresses, located on the vertical downstream face, extend to within six feet of the crest.

b. Location

Westons Mills Pond dam is located at Westons Mills, in The City of New Brunswick, Middlesex County. It is approximately 0.5 mile northwest of Interchange 9 of the New Jersey Turnpike, and is situated between a high-level concrete arch bridge carrying Route 18 over Lawrence Brook and a newer steel stringer bridge on Burnet Street to the north.

c. Size Classification

The maximum height of the dam is approximately 15.5 feet above streambed and the maximum storage area is estimated to be 1,965 acre-feet. The dam is therefore placed in the intermediate size category in accordance with Corps of Engineer directives. For the purposes of the Phase I inspection, the upstream Weston Mills Arch dam (N.J. 00382) is considered as a low weir in the impounded reservoir above the dams.

d. Hazard Classification

The dam was initially classified as high hazard by governing authorities but as a result of this inspection, it is recommended that it be downgraded to a significant hazard classification. The town of Westons Mills is situated immediately downstream. However, all residential areas are approximately 20 to 30 feet above flood elevation and should failure occur, it appears there would be only minor property damage, mainly involving a downstream marina and other marine-related facilities. The downstream channel area is principally tidal marshland and the bridges spanning Lawrence Brook

(at Burnet Street and the New Jersey Turnpike) have adequate hydraulic capacity to accommodate 100 to 500 year floods (see Section 5). In summary, a failure would cause only minimal damage to these bridges and not endanger traffic using these crossings. The adjoining residential areas would be unaffected.

e. Ownership

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The dam is owned by the City of New Brunswick, City Hall, 78 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903.

f. Purpose of Dam

The dam provides the intake impoundment for the City of New Brunswick water supply system.

g. Design and Construction History

This dam was reputedly erected in 1888 and replaced an earlier timber dam which was built in 1867 about 25 feet upstream. Nothing is known regarding the designer or erection except that the structure is reputedly founded on sandstone/shale bedrock. The embankment behind the left spillway abutment was overtopped by the July 1975 flood and certain portions of the water intake facilities were rebuilt, but no records or plans were made available by the City Engineering Department.

h. Normal Operating Procedures

The dam, along with the Weston Mills Arch dam, is operated as an integral part of the intake system for the City water supply system. (See Section 4).

1.3 PERTINENT DATA

a. Drainage Area

The drainage area for Westons Mills Pond Dam is 42.0 square miles. The general direction of the drainage is from the southwest to

northeast with the northerly third of the watershed extensively developed. The southern portion also contains numerous areas of more recent residential development. The topography varies from gently rolling to flat.

b. Discharge at Damsite

Total spillway capacity at top of dam is 1,645 cfs as indicated in the appended calculations. No discharge records are available. However, it is estimated that the 1975 flood was about 10% greater than the 100 year frequency and resulted in a peak discharge of about 4,700 cfs.

c. Elevation (M.S.L.)

Top of dam - +15.5 Recreation pool - +13.5 Streambed at centerline - 0 (sea level)

d. Reservoir

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Length of maximum pool - 14,100 feet Length of recreation pool - 13,200 feet

e. Storage

Recreation pool - 1,060 acre feet Top of dam - 1,965 acre feet

f. Reservoir Surface

Top of dam - 214 + acresMaximum pool - 214 + acresRecreation pool - 162 + acresSpillway crest - 162 + acres

g. Dam

Type - Masonry gravity wall and embankment
Length - 309 feet
Height - 15.5 feet
Top width - 4.5 feet
Zoning - Unknown

h. Diversion and Regulating Tunnel
None

i. Spillway

Type - narrow crest weir Length of weir - 154 feet Crest elevation - +13.5 (M.S.L.)

j. Regulating Outlets

Two 30 inch x 4'-6" sluice gates (right abutment) and one 30-inch diameter water supply intake (left abutment).

SECTION 2 - ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 DESIGN

There is no detailed information available concerning the design of Westons Mills Pond Dam. All information and data obtained was gained hearsay from local residents and the City Engineer of New Brunswick, Mr. Robert C. Kane, P.E.

2.2 CONSTRUCTION

No information was available pertaining to the construction of the dam except that it replaced the earlier timber dam which was destroyed by fire.

2.3 OPERATION

See Section 4

2.4 EVALUATION

As no engineering data was available to assess the structural stability of the dam and nothing is known regarding the geotechnical make-up of the underlying foundations it is virtually impossible to evaluate the stability of the masonry spillway. Therefore, the data relating to the structure is considered inadequate to base any assessment upon.

SECTION 3 - VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 FINDINGS

a. General

The on-site inspections of the Weston Mills Pond dam revealed that the masonry structure is in a fair condition although the entire spillway was inundated and was functioning as an uncontrolled overflow. In view of the fact that the structure is 90 years old, it can be reasonably assumed that it is solidly built, but without further data and investigation it can only be assumed to be in a fair condition commensurate with its age.

b. Dam

The top of the masonry spillway is in fairly true alignment and basically level within 1 or 2 inches. The capstones are 6" thick by 4'-6" wide (with a one-foot chamfer on the upstream side) and appear secure. Two masonry buttresses roughly 2 feet wide by 4 feet thick brace the wall on the downstream side. The exact thickness of the gravity structure and its depth below the downstream channel are unknown, but in view of its present alignment (after 90 years of storms) is fairly certain to be founded on the underlying New Brunswick shales. Early (circa 1917) records state that the structural height of the masonry wall is 22 feet and is stepped on the upstream face to a 12 feet width at the base. Except for the buttresses, the downstream face is vertical.

Some top-of-bank areas beyond the right spillway abutment show surficial erosion but this is of a minor nature. An old masonry wall extends downstream from the right abutment and connects to the flared wingwall of the Burnet Street bridge. Likewise, there is a low masonry wall extending downstream at the left spillway abutment. Although both walls are in poor

condition, they have little effect on the overall condition of the dam except to help stabilize the embankment areas below the spillway abutments. The right retaining wall intercepts the naturally occurring embankment slope while the left wall stabilizes the edge of the relatively level berm area. However, this is the area where the most serious damage occurred during the 1975 flood.

c. Appurtenant Structures

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At the easterly end of the spillway, there are two 30" by 4'-6" sluice gates and at the westerlyconcrete intake structure a 30" intake line feeds the City water supply system. A trash screen is positioned diagonally across the northwest corner of the reservoir immediately above the water supply intake. Further to the left, there is an old, inoperative water supply gate which is no longer used. These structures are in moderately fair condition but numerous cracks and spalled areas were observed. The two sluice gates at the right abutment are operative, but have not been opened since 1975.

d. Reservoir Area

The depth of the reservoir immediately above the dam is approximately 4.5 feet at each end of the spillway and deepens to an unknown depth in the middle of the reservoir. The reservoir area extends under the Route 18 bridge and upstream to the Weston Mills arch dam which acts as a control weir in the overall reservoir length (which extends further southward several miles to the Farrington dam). The reservoir is quite restricted by relatively steep natural banks. Most of the contiguous urban development is well above maximum flood levels.

e. Downstream Channel

The downstream channel immediately below the dam is somewhat restricted by the Burnet Street bridge when periods of heavy rain coincide with maximum high tide. This bridge is approximately 104 feet downstream, has a span of 102 feet, a clear headroom in excess of 15 feet

and was erected in 1965 by the NJDOT. The bed of the channel is roughly at sea level with an average tidal fluctuation of about 3.5 feet. There are several large trees and debris in the channel and heavy siltation along the sides. The river bed is quite irregular.

SECTION 4 - OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

4.1 PROCEDURES

Operational procedures were not observed by the inspection team. Because of the water supply intake facilities at this dam, city personnel are normally on duty 24 hours a day. According to the City Engineer, operational activity consists primarily of periodic inspections and the removal of floating driftwood and debris.

4.2 MAINTENANCE OF DAM

The dam is periodically inspected and repairs undertaken when required. After the 1975 flood, the dam was thoroughly inspected and repaired by City forces.

4.3 MAINTENANCE OF OPERATING FACILITIES

The only operating facilities in use are the two 30 inch sluice gates which are periodically inspected and maintained by the City.

4.4 DESCRIPTION OF WARNING SYSTEM

None exists except for the monitoring by City Water Department personnel during major storms.

4.5 EVALUATION

The present operational procedures and safeguards during periods of heavy flows were deemed to be adequate in view of the lack of serious downstream hazards.

SECTION 5 - HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC

5.1 EVALUATION OF FEATURES

a. Design Data

Based on the Recommended Guidelines for Safety, the dam at Westons Mills Pond is intermediate in size and of significant hazard. Accordingly the design flood selected by the inspection team is to be one-half the probable maximum flood. Maximum discharge without overtopping the abutments was computed to be 1,645 cfs. Inflow to the reservoir was calculated utilizing precipitation data from Hydrometeorlogical Report No. 33 by the HEC-1 program, which gave a peak inflow of 27,340 cfs for the The inflow PMF was then routed through the reservoir which slightly reduced the peak discharge to 27,315 cfs. Employing the routed SDF, the spillway discharge will accommodate approximately 6% of the SDF.

In view of maintaining consistency with the previously prepared upper dam inspection report, the ½ PMF inflow value of 27,340 cfs is equal to the outflow calculated for the upstream Westons Mills Arch Dam. During periods of high flows, the arch dam acts as a low weir in the reservoir (its crest elevation is only about 5 feet higher than the spillway crest elevation at the study dam).

b. Experience Data

Although there is no recorded stream flow data at the study dam, there is a gaging station 4 miles upstream at the Farrington Dam. Log-Pearson Type III flood frequency analyses were performed by the U.S. Geological Survey utilizing weighted WRC map skews on the historical data available from this station. The transposed 100- and 500-year floods are 5,800 cfs and 9,680 cfs respectively. Floods of these magnitudes would overtop the embankment

by more than 4 feet. Observations made by City personnel during the storm of July, 1975 indicate the embankment was overtopped by approximately 2 to 3 feet. Earlier records of a flood in 1882 stated that the water overtopped the older dam (which also had a 150 foot crest) by 3 feet. There is also a tidal gage station at the Burnet Street bridge but no high tide (i.e. maximum flood) records are available.

c. Visual Observations

The spillway crest appears in good hydraulic condition with no humps or dips along its length. A small amount of debris is collecting behind the crest, however in the event of a flood this would be swept away. In the downstream channel there is a large tree which lies just below the dam. The two sluice gates in the east abutment were last operated in 1975 but appear to be in working order. However, their hydraulic capacity has little numerical effect on the spillway capacity or overtopping potential.

d. Overtopping Potential

Hearsay information states that this dam has been repeatedly overtopped in the past. This overtopping potential will continue to exist in view of the spillway capacity. Furthermore, the bridge downstream from the dam could act as a constriction during heavy flooding, which combined with abnormal tides could cause a high tailwater. This could reduce the spillway capacity even further.

e. Drawdown

The ability to dewater Westons Mills Pond depends on the serviceability of the sluice gates. Should they be in good working order and the entrances unclogged, the lower lake would take just over an hour to draw down. However, if there is a tailwater due to high

tide in the Raritan River, the drawdown may take several hours longer. With the upstream dam in place, the low water drawdown capability is felt to be relatively unimportant.

SECTION 6 - STRUCTURAL STABILITY

6.1 EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL STABILITY

a. Visual Observations

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The masonry spillway is judged to be in a fair to moderately good condition, although one area near the left end of the spillway has bowed out downstream a few inches (see appended photographs) and settled a negligible amount. The concrete in the abutments is cracked and spalled but is in a fairly integral and serviceable condition.

b. Design and Construction Data

No design computations or construction plans were available except early records which indicated the total structural height from crest to bottom of footing to be 22 feet and the footing to be 12 feet wide. These facts could not be verified by the City Engineer. The upstream face is stepped or sloped in some unknown fashion. The width to height ratio of 0.6 is conservative enough to allow the wall to withstand several feet of head without causing undue concern regarding the overturning factor of safety. If the footing is keyed in any manner into the underlying rock, the factor of safety against sliding is also thought to be satisfactory. However, the New Brunswick shales prevalent in this area are susceptible to weathering when exposed. Therefore, further investigations should include a geotechnical review of the underlying foundation material with special concern regarding weathering, especially under the footing.

c. Operating Records

The dam has operated satisfactorily for many years but has been overtopped numerous times, the most recent being in 1975 when the left abutment area was breached. The City is presently engaged in legal action regarding this flooding and has in its possession photographs of that flood.

d. Post Construction Changes

There is no evidence of recent modifications to the spillway structure. Some of the water intake structure is of recent vintage but no plans were available to the inspection team.

e. Seismic Stability

As the dam is located in Seismic Zone 1 and is relatively low, little hazard exists from earthquake forces and the potential vulnerability is negligible if further investigation reveals that the dam has adequate stability under static loads. Experience indicates that if this requirement is fulfilled, dynamic loading conditions will not be critical.

SECTION 7 - ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATIONS/ REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 DAM ASSESSMENT

a. Safety

On the basis of the Phase I visual inspection, the existing masonry dam is functioning adequately for the City of New Brunswick as a control structure for the water supply intake and is adjudged to be in a overall fair condition. No major detrimental assessments are made except for the unknown structural geometry of the spillway wall and the condition of the underlying foundations. The dam is 90 years old and its continued long-term stability remains questionable until further engineering surveys and analyses are conducted. This assessment is subject to the limitations inherent in the visual inspection procedures set forth by the Corps of Engineers. Overtopping of the embankment behind the left spillway abutment could damage the water supply intake facilities, but it is felt that little damage would be incurred at the Burnet Street bridge or further downstream (except for possibly at the waterrelated facilities along the river banks).

b. Adequacy of Information

Except for what was visually observed, little information was available as no design drawings, or modification plans were located. No recent surveys have been made. Therefore, additional information will be required to fully evaluate the structural stability of the dam.

c. Urgency

No urgency is attached to implementing further studies. However, a collapse of this dam could endanger the upper Weston Mills Arch Dam by causing a washout of the riprap protection immediately below this dam. This downstream channel fill below the upper dam is felt to materially help stabilize that structure. Future investigations should include

both dams and their hydraulic interface due to their close proximity. Also, the Burnet Street bridge might have an influence on the hydraulic capacity of the study dam due to the bridge's hydraulic capacity at high tides.

d. Necessity for Further Study

The inspection revealed that improvements to the spillway are impractical although its capacity does not meet the requirements of the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, passing only 6 percent of the SDF. However, due to the unknown condition of the spillway structure, additional studies and structural analyses appear to be warranted.

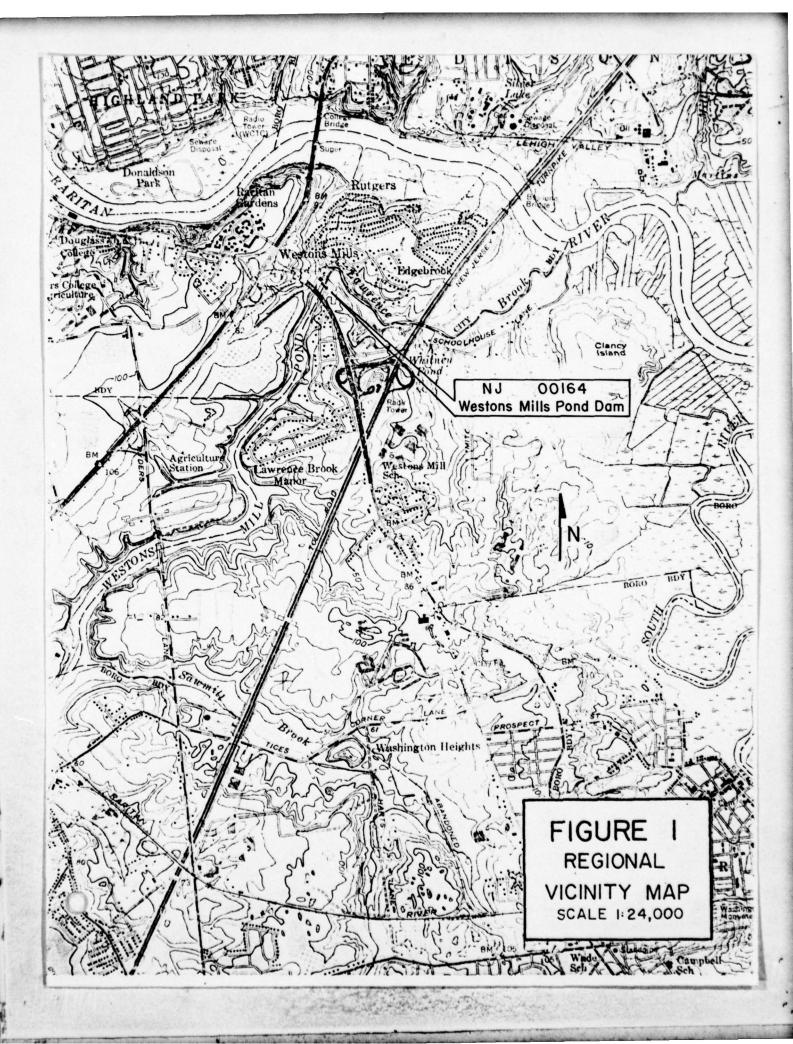
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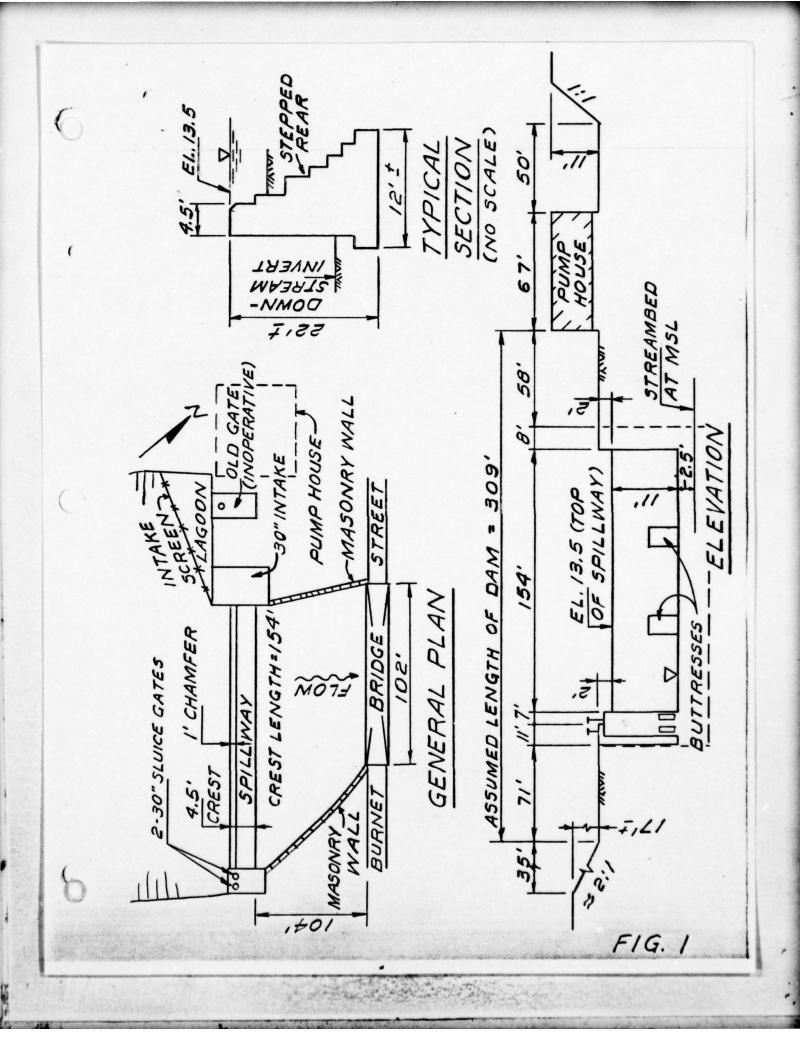
- Inasmuch as original stability analysis and design computations are unavailable and this dam is classified in the significant hazard category, it is recommended that further studies be undertaken in the near future. It is recommended that the owner provide stability computations and additional data on the foundation conditions. This information is considered essential to completely assess the continued stability as its structural condition is classified as questionable, based principally on the lack of knowledge of the foundations. Remedial measures recommended are the construction of concrete or riprap slope protection above and below the spillway abutments and the removal of the large debris presently in the channel. The berm area behind the left end of the spillway should be raised to at least the height of the concrete pier at the end of the spillway.
- b. O&M Maintenance and Procedures

Because the City of New Brunswick presently maintains a close monitoring of the dam, little is foreseen as improvements to O&M procedures. However, a check list should be developed

for periodic maintenance inspections so records of conditions and repairs can be maintained.

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Check List
Visual Inspection
Phase 1

NJDEP		M.S.L.		1	1		
Coordinators NJDEP		Inspection 2+					
State New Jersey	Temperature 380	Tailwater at Time of Inspection 2+					Recorder
County Middlesex	Weather Clear	tion 13.7+ M.S.L.		E. Simone	M. Carter		T. Chapter
Name Dam Weston Mills Pond	Date(s) Inspection 1,6 Dec. 78 Weather Clear	Pool Elevation at Time of Inspection 13.7+ M.S.L.	Inspection Personnel:	T. Chapter	K. Jolls	C. Chhut	





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CONCRETE/MASONRY DAMS

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECONSENDATIONS
SEE PAGE ON LEAKAGE		Entire spillway submerged
S TRUCTURE TO ABUTHENT/EMBANCMENT JUNCTIONS	Satisfactory. No seepage observed	Masonry crest with concrete abutments at each end.
DRAINS	None	
WATER PASSAGES	None	
FOUNDATION	Dam built on shale/sandstone bedrock. Depth of footing unknown.	Bedrock in area close to surface. New Brunswick shale area.





CONCRETE/MASONRY DAMS

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBERSVATIONS	REPARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
SURFACE CRACKS ONCRETE SURFACES	Unknown	Masonry work very old and condition of mortar joints suspect.
STRUCTURAL CRACKING	Minor	
VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL LIGNENT	Satisfactory. No differential settlement observed.	
MONOLITH JOINTS	N/A	
CONSTRUCTION JOINTS	N/A	





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VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
SURFACE CRACKS	None	Narrow embankment width at east abutment.
UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OR CRACKING AT OR BEYOND THE TOE	None observed	
SLOUGHING OR EROSION OF ENBANCHENT AND ABUTHENT SLOPES	Minor erosion at west abutment (footpath area).	
VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ALINEMENT OF THE CREST	Satisfactory	There is no real constructed embankment beyond the spillway (no blackslopes).

None

RIPRAP FAILURES





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REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS	West abutment area - City water supply intake structure area. Fairly level and flat.		
OBSERVATIONS	Satisfactory	None observed.	None
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	JUNCTION OF ENBANCENT ND ABUTHENT, SPILLMAY ND DAM	ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE	STAFF GAGE AND RECORDER

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VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECONCISINDATIONS
CRACKING AND SPALLING OF CONCRETE SURFACES IN OUTLET CONDUIT	See Conc./Masonry structure	
INTAKE STRUCTURE		
OUTLET STRUCTURE	2 hand-operated sluices (30" x 54" - E. abutment)	Gates are operable.
OUTLET CHANNEL	Clogged with sediment. Large tree $(2^{1} + \beta)$ in channel	
EMERGENCY GATE	None	

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	UNGATED SPILLWAY	
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCRETE WEIR	Masonry crest (4.5' x 154')	Alignment straight except for one slightly bowed area.
APPROACH CHANNEL	Weston Mill Pond	
DISCHARGE CHANNEL	Tidal channel of Lawrence Brook.	
BRIDGE AND PIERS	Old masonry wall between east abut and bridge wingwall in poor shape (see photographs)	Burnet St. highway bridge 104' downstream.
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9		REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS					30" line intake to City water supply system.	
	CATED SPILLWAY	OBSERVATIONS	None	 N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
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REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS				U.S.G.S Survey NJ-76-1
INSTRUMENTATION OBSERVATIONS None	None	None	None	Farrington Lake gage 4 miles upstream. Tidal gaging station at Burnet St. bridge.
VISUAL EXAMINATION MONUMENTATION/SURVEYS	OBSERVATION WELLS	WEIRS	PIEZONETERS	OTHER





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	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS	
RESERVOIR	OBSERVATIONS	
	VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	SLOPES

Reservoir extends several miles up Lawrence Brook.

SEDIMENTATION

Unknown. Siltation observed along banks.

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DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONDITION (OBSTRUCTIONS, DEBRIS, ETC.)	Debris, trees in channel:	Tidal area below dam.

SLOPES

Steep natural banks.

APPROXIMATE NO. OF HOMES AND POPULATION

All homes well above (20' +) high tide elevation.

None

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ENGINEERING DATA
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION

REMARKS

REGIONAL VICINITY MAP

Available

Not available from State or City Engineer.

PLAN OF DAM

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CONSTRUCTION HISTORY

TYPICAL SECTIONS OF DAM

Unknown

N/A

HYDROLOGIC/HYDRAULIC DATA

Available at Farrington dam.

OUTLETS - PLAN

- DETAILS

-CONSTRAINTS -DISCHARGE RATINGS

RAINFALL/RESERVOIR RECORDS

None

Not available at site.





ITEM	REMARKS		
DESIGN REPORTS	N/A		
GEOLOGY REPORTS	N/A		
DESIGN COMPUTATIONS HYDROLOGY & HYDRAULICS	N/A		
SEEPAGE STUDIES			
MATERIALS INVESTIGATIONS 3ORING RECORDS	N/A		
FIELD			
POST-CONSTRUCTION SURVEYS OF DAM	Unknown		
BORROW SOURCES.	Unknown		





REMARKS None MONITORING SYSTEMS ITEM

MODIFICATIONS

Unknown

HIGH POOL RECORDS

Not available

POST CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING STUDIES AND REPORTS

Unknown

PRIOR ACCIDENTS OR FAILURE OF DAM DESCRIPTION REPORTS

None

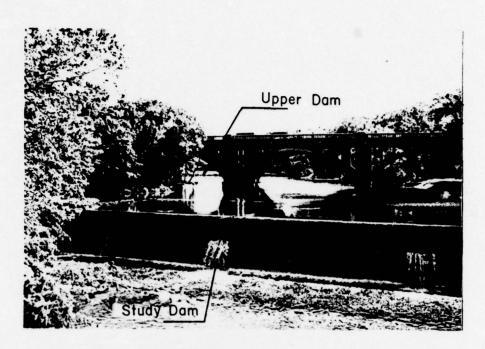
MAINTENANCE OPERATION RECORDS

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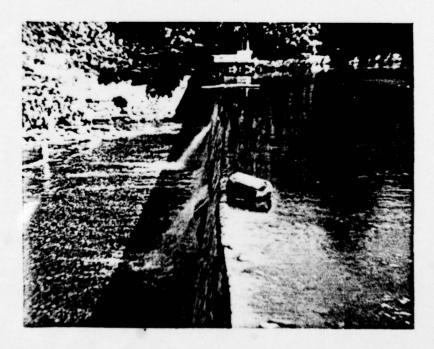
OPERATING EQUIPMENT PLANS & DETAILS

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Downstream view of dam

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View of dam crest from west abutment

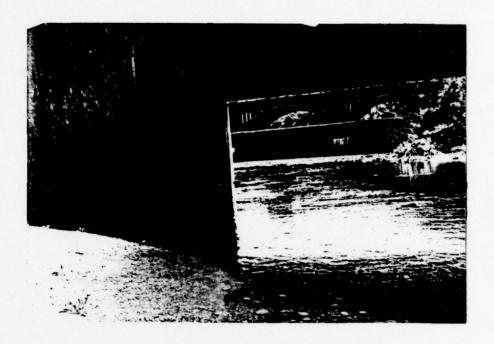


Downstream view of west abutment

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'View of intake structure



View of dam from beneath Burnet Street bridge

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Burnet Street bridge 104' downstream from dam

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DRAINAGE AREA CHARACTERISTICS: 42.0 sq. mi.
ELEVATION TOP NORMAL POOL (STORAGE CAPACITY): 13.5 (1060 AF)
ELEVATION TOP FLOOD CONTROL POOL (STORAGE CAPACITY): 15.5 (1965 AF)
ELEVATION MAXIMUM DESIGN POOL: 15.5
ELEVATION TOP DAM: 15.5
CREST:
a. Elevation 13.5
b. Type Narrow Crest Weir c. Width 4.5' d. Length 154'
c. Width 4.5'
d. Length 154'
None
f. Number and Type of Gates 2 - 30" x 4'-6"
OUTLET WORKS:
a. Type 30" intake to water plant
b. Location West abut.
c. Entrance invertsUnknown
d. Exit inverts Unknown
e. Emergency draindown facilities 2'-30" x 4'-6"
HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL GAGES:
a. Type Water Stage recorder
b. Locationarrington Dam (4 mi. upstream)
c. Records 1927 - present
MAXIMUM NON-DAMAGING DISCHARGE: 1645 ± cfs.



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WESTONS MILLS POND DAM

PROJECT C 227

SUBJECT:

HYDROLOGY

All hydrologic information obtained from Phase I Report (National Dam Inspection program) for Weston's Mills Arch Dam (NJ 00382) which lies approximately 600' upstream.

The outflow hydrograph from the archdom 600' upstream was taken as the inflow hydrograph for the dam under consideration here.

The lake area and storage values in section 1 of the report are based on the combined values for the arch dam reservoir and the reservoir under consideration here.

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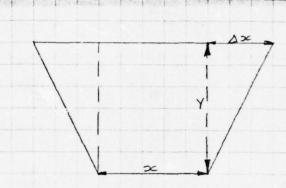
SHEET NO. A4 OF PROJECT_C-227

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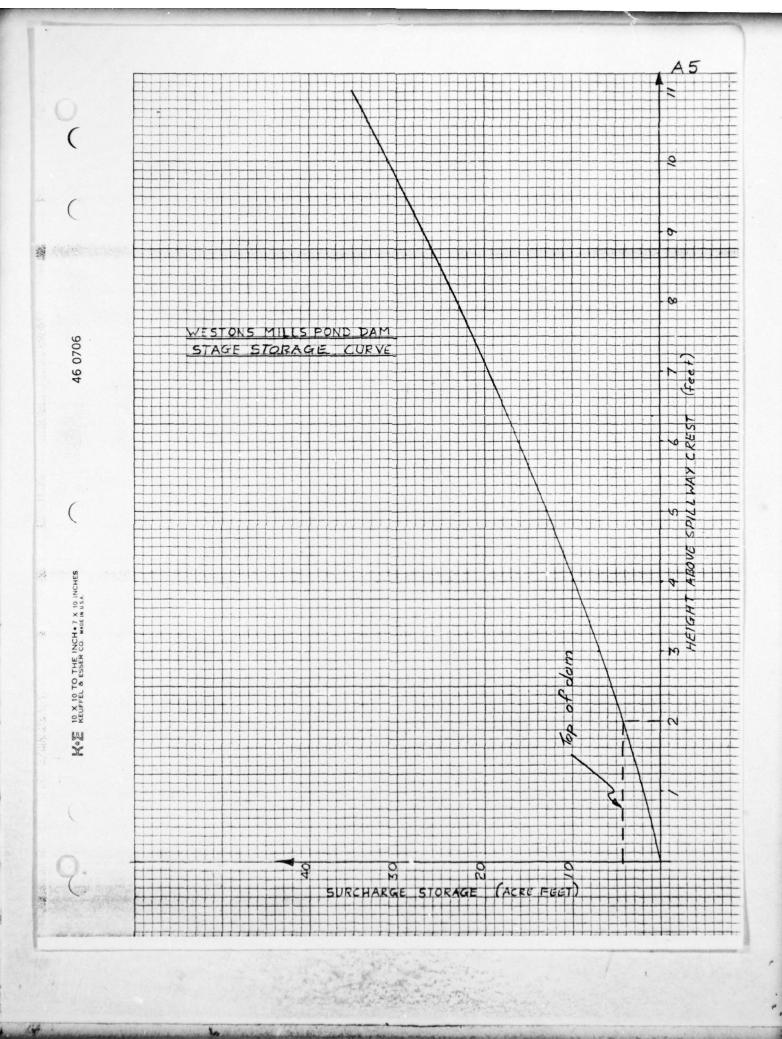
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= 3.4 acres



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WESTONS MILLS DAM INSPECTION SHEET NO. A. 6 OF. PROJECT C227 SUBJECT Approximate drawdown colculations for lower lake Due to small size assume half water drains under 8.25' head Volume = 10 Acre feet = 435,600 cubic feet. 136 cfs mflow from upper claim Discharge through sluices Q = 2 ca 129H take C = 0.55 a = 4.5 x 2.5 . Q = 285 cfs - 135 = 150 cfs ... time (hours) = 435,600 \$0.4 hour assume next 14 drains under 7.44' head C=0.5 0=246-135 = 110cfs time = 435600 \$ 0.28 hours 4 x 110 x 3600 assume last 14 drains under 5.81' head 6=0.5 Q = 218 cfs ... time = 435600 × 0.38 hours -135 × 80 cts 4 × 80 × 3600 1 time = 1.0 hours assumes no tailwater

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